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SUBJ: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE EIGHTH COMMERCE

REF: STATE 086217

1. WE ARE CURRENTLY SURVEYING AVAILABLE INFORMATION
IN ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED EIGHTH MINISTERIAL (REFTEL).
ALTHOUGH SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR,
TIMING HAS STILL NOT BEEN SETTLED AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT
OF A SEPARATE CABLE. PREPARATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL NEED TO
BEGIN WELL IN ADVANCE. AT A MINIMUM, MATERIAL ON THE FOL-
LOWING SUBJECTS IS NEEDED FROM THE EMBASSY WITH UPDATES
FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:

A. CURRENT ROK TARIFF SCHEDULE, AND ANALYSIS OF CHANGES

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REFERRED TO IN SEOUL 00329;
B- CURRENT TRADE-PLA , ANDUPDATES, AS APPROPRIATE, CON-
CERNING PLANNED IMPORT LIBERALIZATION;
C. CURRENT STATUS AND DETAILS REGARDING THE VALUE ADDED
TAX AND EXCISE TAXES;
D. STATUS OF THE DRAWBACK SYSTEM (SEE SEOUL 05185 OF
7-11-75);

E. STATUS AND DETAILS OF PLANNED CHANGES IN INVESTMENT REGULATIONS;

F. DETAILS CONCERNING CHANGES WITHIN THE LAST YEAR IN THE SPECIAL LAWS GOVERNING IMPORTS;

G. INFORMATION ON WHETHER, AS HAS BEEN ALLEGED BY SOME BUSINESSMEN, FOREIGN COMPANIES MUST SIGN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS WHEN HIRING KOREAN AGENTS;

H. CURRENT STATUS OF RESTRICTIONS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS AND RELATED IMPORTS;

I. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT ON KOREAN INVESTMENT CLIMATE OF U.S. CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, ALLEGED BRIBERY OF U.S. POLITICIANS, AND PENDING TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

2. IN RESPONDING TO THESE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO SEOUL'S LATEST CABLE NUMBER AND DATE ON A SUBJECT IF YOU BELIEVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED. SOME OF THE MATERIAL MAY BE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN SEOUL, AND COULD BE AIR POUCHED TO USDOC. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENTS AS TO THE PRACTICAL IMPACT OF KOREAN REGULATIONS ON TRADE WITH THE U.S. PLEASE EVALUATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT RESTRAINTS (E.G., VALUE ADDED TAX, TARIFF CHANGES, INVESTMENT REGULATIONS, ETC.) AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE U.S. RELATIVE TO OTHER SUPPLIERS OF THE KOREAN MARKET. CHRISTOPHER

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